

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 13, 1997. The main farming activities for the week included planting corn, rice, sorghum and watermelons. Cool, wet conditions have delayed land preparation and planting progress for most crops. Soil moisture conditions were rated 73 percent adequate and 27 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	79	58	73	54	0	2	32	61	5
	Emerged	47	22	32	30					
Cotton	Planted	1	0	1	2	---	---	---	---	---
Rice	Planted	26	12	26	22	4	34	17	43	2
	Emerged	1	0	0	0					
Sorghum	Planted	22	10	18	17	0	1	25	71	3
	Emerged	4	0	0	0					
Soybeans	Planted	5	0	10	3	---	---	---	---	---
Wheat	Jointing	97	83	88	87	1	14	38	42	5
	Heading	53	20	19	22					
Peanuts	Planted	0	0	1	2	---	---	---	---	---
Sweet potatoes	Planted	0	0	3	0	---	---	---	---	---
Watermelons	Planted	41	33	43	35	0	1	38	59	2
Cattle						0	4	27	53	16
Pasture						1	6	25	55	13

County Agent Comments

"Corn planting is nearing completion. Field work for cotton, soybeans, and sweet potatoes is ahead of schedule. Sweet potato producers have finished bedding and warm temperatures are needed to bring out early spring pasture grasses. Some pasture fertilization and weed control applications have gone out this week."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Weather conditions have allowed producers to get a good start on planting corn. Cool conditions have slowed emergence progress on corn planted acres. Need warmer and drier conditions for a few weeks."

— Steve Richardson, Tate County

"Cool, wet weather has delayed corn planting. A frost on Sunday night has set back pasture and hay growth. Homeowners are waiting to see the results of the frost on ornamentals and gardens."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"The rain on Friday and Saturday halted farming activities in Madison county. Most of the corn has been planted, but cotton producers are waiting for the right weather conditions and soil temperatures so they can begin planting. Cattle and pastures are in good condition"

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Flood waters are receding, yet it will be a long time before row crops are out of the water."

— Terry Rector, Warren County

"Dry weather is badly needed in order to finish planting corn. Some beef producers need good weather for hay makings. There is a lot of interest in planting pine trees and many inquiries about alternative agriculture."

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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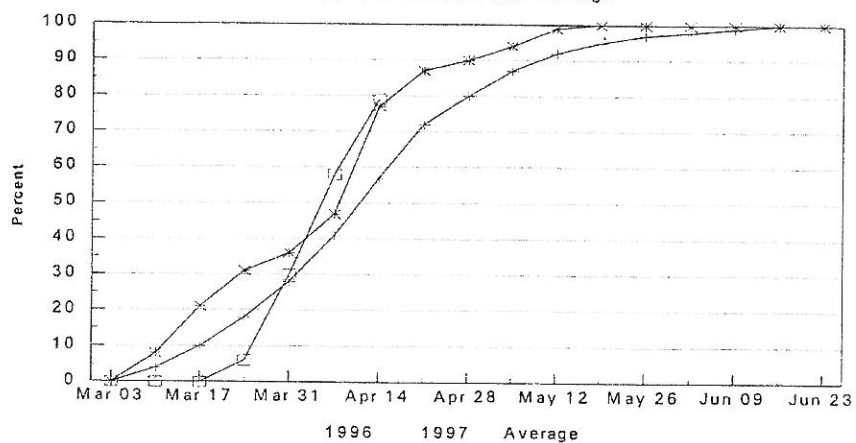
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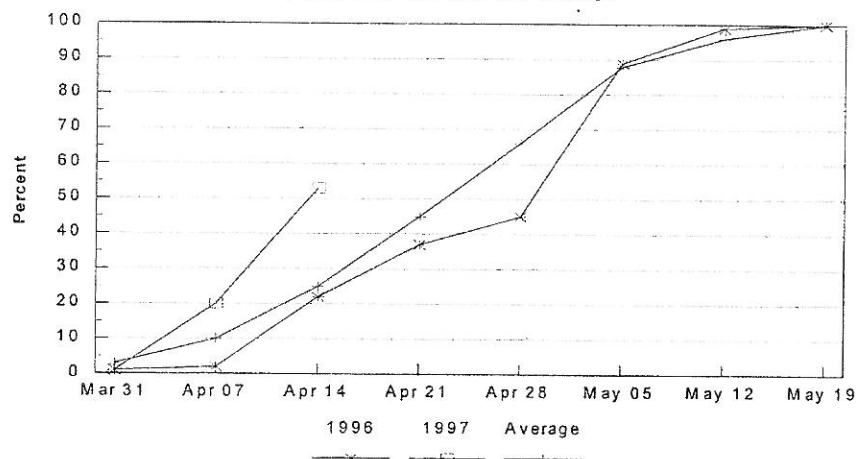
Corn Planted

1996, 1997 and Five Year Average



Wheat Heading

1996, 1997 and Five Year Average



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